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Title: METHOD, SYSTEM AND : Endicott, NY 13760  
PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR  
MANAGING THREAD POOLS  
OF A COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT  
TO AVOID DEADLOCK SITUATIONS

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Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

It is respectfully requested that the publications identified below and listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 Form(s) be considered by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in the subject United States patent application and be made of record therein. A copy of each publication is enclosed, and this submission is otherwise believed to be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98. This information is all the material information, as defined in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56(a), of which the submitter is aware. However, no representation is made or intended that a search has been made or that no other such material information exists.

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None of the above-cited publications, taken singularly or in combination, teach or suggest the invention as defined by the claims provided in the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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